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### **Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Project Status**

Dear TUD Customer and/or Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you an update on the status of the Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Project (PLPRP). The project, which involves dredging as much as 500,000 cubic yards of sediment out of the lake, will improve water quality and restore storage capacity to a critical component of TUD's water supply.

The TUD Board adopted the environmental document for the project in late 2017. In early 2018, permit applications were submitted to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACOE), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and California State Water Resources Control Board. Since that time, the District and its consultant have been working with staff at those agencies to secure the necessary permits. To date, we are still awaiting issuance of permits from the USACOE and CDFW.

The engineering design of the project is nearly complete. Once the remaining permits are received the project will be circulated for bids. ***Due to delays in obtaining permits, it is uncertain if construction will be able to begin in 2019 or if construction will need to be deferred until 2020.***

The District will provide additional information about the construction schedule as soon as it becomes available. Public meetings will be scheduled once a Contractor has been selected and construction dates have been determined. Please stay tuned for this communication.

Once construction does begin, we anticipate the duration to be at least one summer, with activities possibly carrying into a second summer. During this time residents will notice extremely low water levels and heavy equipment working in the lakebed. A concept of the proposed dredging and grading can be viewed on the TUD website. The District has also developed an email distribution list to provide the public updates on the project status. You may see the conceptual plan and sign up for notifications by visiting the TUD website at <https://tudwater.com/projects/phoenix-lake/>.

The District is grateful for the community's ongoing support and patience. If you have any additional questions related to the project, please contact Gaddiel DeMattei, TUD Associate Engineer, at 532-5536 ext. 519 or [gdemattei@tudwater.com](mailto:gdemattei@tudwater.com).